

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the specification, on page 13, please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph running from lines 4 - 17 as follows:

--With reference now to Figure 14, according to another embodiment, there is provided a wheel housing 180 and a ~~sorting~~ separating wheel 182. At least one aperture 184 is provided in the ~~sorting~~ separating wheel 182. In this embodiment, a gear surface 186 is defined in an outer surface of a flange 188 of the separating wheel 182. Provided in the wheel housing 180, is at least one aperture 190. The wheel housing 180 has an outer rim 192 and an inner portion 194. Located in the inner portion is a coin rolling surface 196 and a coin support surface 198. As shown in Figure 14, a relatively large diameter coin 202 is held in the aperture 184 of the separating wheel 182. The coin has a sufficiently large diameter that it cannot fall through the aperture 190 in the wheel housing 180.--.